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ENGLAND FACES GRAVE QUESTION

LLOYD-GEORGE ASKS CHANCE FOR COUNTRY.

Compulsory Conscription Should Be Carefully Considered Before Final Action Is Taken.

London, Sept. 19.—David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, in a letter to one of his constituents, issued by the official press bureau tonight, appeals to the public to give the government a fair chance to decide the question of compulsory conscription and reiterates his view that it is a serious one that confronts the country. Mr. Lloyd-George says:

"You say and say rightly, that the government ought to give the nation a lead on the question whether the moral obligation of every able-bodied man to defend his country should be converted during this war into a legal obligation."

"The government, I can assure you, are fully alive to the necessity for giving a definite lead. They are engaged, in examining the subject with a view to coming to the right decision. Undue delay might be disastrous, but undue precipitation might be equally disastrous. Let us avoid both. The issue is one of facts, not one of principle."

"If the figures demonstrate that we can win through and with the voluntary system, it would be folly to provoke a controversy in the middle of a world war by attempts to substitute a totally different method. On the other hand, if these figures demonstrate to every unprejudiced person that the voluntary system has exhausted its utility, and nothing but legal pressure can give us the army necessary to defend the honor of Great Britain and save Europe from the triumph of military despotism, I have not yet heard of the man who would resist some compulsion."

"Under these circumstances, the men who say they would offer resistance to this expedient, even if proven to be necessary to save their country and their freedom of the world, have not yet appeared in the arena, and if they do I predict that their protectors will not be found amongst the working classes."

"It is all a question of ascertainable facts. Why then all this premature anger? The determining facts have not yet been published. . . . Let the government have a fair chance to decide."

"The opinions I have formed as to the essential action are prompted by the exertion of our whole strength will enable us to obtain victory. Having come to that conclusion, I am bound to do my best to secure that effort without the least regard to the effect my appeals may have upon my own political fortunes."

"The issue is the gravest any country has ever been called upon to decide. Let it decide in spirit worthy of its gravity."

"I withdraw nothing I have said as to the seriousness of the position. Naturally I take a hopeful view of the prospects of the cause I am concerned in, but I know too well that to ignore dangers which you can see with the naked eye, if you look around, is the most fruitful source of disasters in all affairs. I, for months, have called attention to the dangers in the present war. Events alone will prove whether I have been unduly alarmed. So far I regret, they have justified my apprehension."

"I should indeed be a traitor if I did not hope fervently that the course of the war would prove that I have overestimated the worst evils, but I have not written without warrant in facts known to the enemy as well as to us; facts which I should have thought would already have sobered the most fatuous optimist."

"I have, therefore, felt driven by the jeopardy of my native land, to sound a note of alarm. I have done so confident in the belief that if it succeeds in arousing us in time to put forth all our strength we shall win. If for any reason I fail, it will be a sorry comfort to be able later on to taunt with their mistakes those who now abuse me for daring to call attention to the coming storm before it overwhelms the land, and because I strive to induce my fellow countrymen to prepare in time for its onslaught."

THE NEWS OF PROSPERITY.

William Lester Chapter Elects Officers. Fine Displays of Millinery. Personal.

Special to The Herald and News.

Prosperity, Sept. 20.—Mrs. O. B. Shearouse and children of Enochville, N. C., have been visiting at the home of Mr. L. H. Black.

Miss Rose Mae Mitchell is taking a course in kindergarten work at Greenville Woman's college.

Mrs. Livingston of Saluda is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Schumpert.

Miss Lilla Kibler has gone to Cowpens to visit Dr. P. D. Simpson.

Mrs. Virgil Kohn has returned from Blacksburg.

Mrs. C. G. Barrier and son of Jackson are the guests of Mrs. S. J. Kohn. Messrs. Ellis Wheeler, Roy Fellers and Pierce Scott were in Columbia last Wednesday for Al. G. Field's minstrels.

Mrs. J. B. Bedenbaugh of Pomaria spent several days last week with her parents.

Mrs. L. A. Black has as her guest Mrs. D. B. Groseclose and son of Fairfax and Miss Winnie Repass of Bedford, Va.

Miss Jessie Lorick leaves Wednesday for Columbia college.

Miss Bessie Lane has returned from Newberry.

Miss Louise Richardson of Mountville visited Miss Clara Brown last week.

Miss Grace Burton Reagin left Saturday for the St. Phillip's section, where she will teach.

Mr. P. L. Langford spent Sunday at Kibler's Bridge with Mr. H. R. McDonald.

Miss Ruth Craig will return to Jacksonville Tuesday, after a visit to Mrs. A. G. Wise. She will be accompanied home by Miss Mary Lizzie Wise.

Mrs. Lula Merchant of Columbia has been visiting her uncles, Messrs. J. L. and A. G. Wise.

Sup. C. P. Barre spent the week-end in town.

Miss Annie Fellers leaves this week for Chicora Woman's college.

Mrs. J. H. Sitz of Gadsden, Ala., is spending a while with her mother, Mrs. H. P. Wicker.

Mr. Roy Singley left Monday for the University of South Carolina. He was accompanied to Columbia by his father, Mr. A. A. Singley.

Mr. C. B. Wyche spent Monday in Columbia.

Miss Martha Kinard has returned to New York, after a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Corrie McWaters and Miss Mary Kinard.

Mrs. F. E. Schumpert and Miss Marie visited in Newberry last week.

Mr. T. B. Richardson of Pomaria has been elected chief of police.

Mr. W. B. Wise of Little Mountain spent Sunday at Wise hotel.

On Tuesday, September 14, Miss Lula L. Cromer, who lives on Mr. F. O. Koon's plantation, picked 407 pounds of cotton.

The William Lester chapter of U. D. C. met with Miss Ellen Werts last Saturday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Miss Gertrude Bobb.

First Vice President—Mrs. F. E. Schumpert.

Second Vice President—Miss Edna Fellers.

Secretary—Miss Effie Hawkins.

Registrar—Miss Ellen Werts.

Treasurer—Mrs. M. C. Morris.

Historian—Miss Willie Mae Wise.

A delightful ice course was served.

The fall millinery openings of Black's Dry Goods company and Moseley Bros. were held during the past week, large crowds attended both openings and pronounced the hats the smartest and most up-to-date this town has ever displayed.

Among the most fashionable at Moseley's was an afternoon hat of black velvet with pink facing, trimmed with pink shaded ostrich plumes. Another model was a creation of black velvet and blue felt with crown of jet heads. The most attractive one was a three cornered Fisk turban trimmed in a silver band with two novelty feathers in front and back.

Clever adaptations from foreign models is a feature of hats which the Black Dry Goods company showed to their customers at their opening on Wednesday, September 15. One was a misses' flop hat of black velvet combined with pink satin and black moline, trimmed with black faille ribbon and

TWO COURSES OPEN TO RETREATING SLAVS

OCCUPATION OF VILNA GIVES GERMAN'S STRONG ADVANTAGE

Must Either Fight Their Way Out Eastward or Retire in South-easterly Direction.

London, Sept. 19.—The Germans have occupied Vilna, and, by a sweeping movement north of that city, have almost if not entirely surrounded a part of the Russian army fighting in the railway triangle between Vilna, Lida and Vileika.

The Russians now either must fight their way out eastward or retire in a southeasterly direction, for the only railway left entirely in their hands is that running from Vilna to Lida and thence to Baranovitchi.

Von Hindenburg's army, which took Vilna and has reached Vileik, is working in close co-operation with that of Archduke Leopold of Bavaria in an effort to catch a part of the Russian army, an operation often tried without success.

The Russians express confidence in the outcome of the battle, but with their northern armies closely held along the Dvina, and the German flank well protected by their cavalry which recently occupied Widsey, across the Vilna-Petrograd railway, it seems impossible that any aid can come to them from that direction.

The battle seemingly must be fought out between troops now in the district between Vilna, Lida and Slonim, with the assistance of any reinforcements which can be spared to hold the German force which has reached Vileika.

At the southern end of the line Gen. Ivanoff is still keeping von Mackensen at arm's length from the fortress of Rovno, the key to the route to Kiev, and in counterattacks has retaken villages in Volhynia and Galicia.

It seems apparent from the inability of the Austro-Germans to hold their positions in the South that they have sent reinforcements from that front to Feld Marshal von Hindenburg's northern army, which, as heretofore, is expected to score the big success.

WHITMIRE SCHOOL OPENS

Attendance of Patrons Shows Interest in Session.

Whitmire, Sept. 18.—On Monday morning last the Whitmire graded school began a new session. The opening exercises were very simple, but interesting. There was a large crowd of patrons present, which shows that the people have a great interest in the school. The corps of teachers consists of Superintendent Chas. B. Hanna, high school assistant, Miss Alma Lupo; sixth and seventh grades, Mrs. S. A. Jeter; fourth and fifth grades, Miss Nell Friday; second and third grades, Miss Lula Donnan; advanced first grade, Miss Cross; first grade, Miss Winton Agnew, and music teacher, Miss Coleman. The enrollment is over 200 and there are many more to enter.

The local school improvement association has started to work in earnest to secure seats for the auditorium and several other improvements. On Friday night was given the first of a series of entertainments to raise money for this purpose.

The standard of the school has been raised this year so as to bring the work up to that of any of the State high schools.

Whitmire is soon to have a new bank and a nice brick building is now being constructed in which it will be located.

A great deal of interest is being shown, in the Appalachian highway which passes through here and the people of the town and community are going to do their part of the work.

The government report shows 19 bales of cotton of the new crop ginned up to the first of September this year, against 103 bales last year.

jet balls. Dashing is the only word to apply to a small brown turban-draped with ball smoking caught at back with two shaded roses. A charming little child's hat was a moosarqon shape faced with pink satin and draped, four cornered crown faced with pink and caught on one side with a fur rat head and jet douch.

THROUGH HISTORIC COUNTRY

The Appalachian Highway in Newberry Traverses Section Replete With History.

Editor Herald and News:

It is not my purpose, nor is it, I fancy, my province to describe in this contribution what I consider constitutes greatness, and doubtless each of your readers has his or her own idea, or conception, in relation thereto. However, I venture to chronicle this to be true, that one element of a people's greatness consists in the reverence that is cherished by them for the worthy men and women who have gone before and have left inscribed upon the tablets of memory the records of well spent living, of earnest assiduity in the performance of life's work, of noble charities, of exemplified cleanness in speech and word. This virtue is predominant among every civilized and christianized people, it matters little whether they be occidental or oriental.

Now, in all truth, have you ever been impressed with this sentiment as a living force among Carolinians, and when I say this I refer to the two Carolinas, for, indeed, I would not have you to infer that I hold or maintain as true that we, in our beloved commonwealth, possess all the noblest qualities to the exclusion of our sister State. "No pent-up Utica confines our power, the whole undivided world is ours."

That is true of our, as well as of other, immortals, if you will permit personal reference. Greece had her Socrates, her Homer, her Thucydides, her poets, her orators, her historians, her heroes, just so of Rome, of whom many might be named, and each of them has inspired men in all ages past to nobler deeds and heroic living. When we come down to modern days, may we not truthfully acclaim all the ages have not given us a greater than Lee, nor one more beloved than Hampton. South Carolina has been made illustrious by her sons and daughters, and old Newberry county has furnished her share of men who were renowned for their civic virtues, as well as for their skill and accomplishments in all the avenues of life. It ought not to be considered invidious were I to name, primus inter pares, Dr. Geddings, Judge Crenshaw, Chancellor Johnstone, Chief Justice John Belton O'Neill, Chancellor Caldwell, Col. Rutherford, Col. Nance, Col. Christian H. Suber, Judge Y. J. Pope, and very many others who have answered to the long roll call and have been gathered to their fathers. They are indeed the immortals and we honor their memory.

By the way, this Judge Crenshaw whom I have named, was the first graduate from the South Carolina college, as Dr. LaBorde, the historian narrates. That was honor indeed for Newberry that her son, who became famous in another State, viz. Alabama, was the first to go forth from the classic walls of that institution, carrying his sheepskin or parchment, with inscription, juvenis probus et ingeniosus. Mr. Crenshaw was born near to the Brown or the Gibson plantations in the northern section of the county.

It is further worthy of mention that this same Judge Crenshaw attended that fine institution of learning, Mount Bethel academy, as mentioned by Judge O'Neill in his "Annals of Newberry," "furnishing the first students and graduates of the South Carolina college." Here also were schooled such men of later prominence as Chancellor Harper, Governor R. J. Manning and others of more or less renown. Its first principal was Elisha Hammond, the father of the late Governor Hammond. Principal Hammond was called from Mount Bethel Academy to a full professorship in the South Carolina college, serving two years, from 1805 to 1807, when he returned to his first love, Mount Bethel academy, in 1809, and taught the bright youths of the State till 1815. It may well be regarded by every thoughtful citizen that this honor should be peculiarly esteemed as well as recorded for all ages to come. It were enough to incite to a just approval and emulation.

And can we not discern that same quality as existing, in the immediate generation with which we have to do, in the worthy sons of toil, the masters of industries, the reputable and successful scions in the practice of the healing art, the eloquent exposition of truths of Holy Writ, the limbs of the law who hold the multitudes by sheer

possession of wit and wisdom. And as at the beginning, I am persuaded that Newberry has preserved her maintenance of the high and lofty ideals enunciated by our forefathers and exemplars.

The promoters of the Appalachian highway have led me to these thoughts, for I fancy that I discern in their readiness to utilize their present opportunity for the public weal and uplift a semblance of that higher purpose and strenuous endeavor, manifested by the pioneers who made possible to us the wealth and comforts of the present, through their sacrifices and enduring labors. For the building of this highway opens up a stretch of country rich in productive soils, abounding in native woods, and crossed by rippling streams and rivulets that go on forever, as described poetically by Tennyson in his immortal poem, "The Brook," "Men may come and men may go, but I go on forever."

This, too, will be the connecting link so to speak between Newberry and Whitmire, enabling the respective towns to be visited more readily, and enjoy the exchange of greetings and so forth that should obtain between neighboring communities. Who knows but that the time may yet come when Whitmire may be a suburb of Newberry, the intervening space being dotted all the way by farm houses and industries of one kind or other, accentuating the bonhomie and good will that should prevail, and not a spirit of acrid rivalry. It were indeed a good thing and greatly to be desired if Newberry could feel the pulse beat of a thriving town, with a prospect of future development that should encourage her fine citizenship. Progressive merchants are there, and the Glenn-Lowry mill is a magnificent enterprise that speaks loudly in praise of the founders, Messrs. William and Thad Coleman, Dr. Jeter and possibly others. No wonder such an enterprise is flourishing when it be remembered that the help in the management ranks with the best anywhere, active and energetic and safe men, such as Messrs. A. P. Hurt, Humphries, Morris, Campbell, Painter, Ezell, Howard, Watson and Herren. Whitmire is surrounded by fertile fields, and worthy yeomen who maintain a high standard of farming and a beautiful home life. More anon, Mr. Editor. William E. Pelham, Sr.

Era of Prosperity For South Begins.

Columbia Record.

"We are at the beginning of a great prosperity for the South," said J. M. Kinard of Newberry, president of the Newberry Commercial bank, this morning while a visitor at the office of Governor Manning. Mr. Kinard says that every one is optimistic in Newberry and the farmers are jubilant over the rise in the price of cotton. He says the farmers of his section are in better shape than in years.

"The farmers have curtailed their expenses of production, reduced the acreage of cotton and are raising their foodstuffs at home," stated the Newberry financier. "Instead of using the fallacious marketing system of yore, the farmer is mixing brains with his agriculture and is disposing of his cotton crop gradually. In this he is helped by the banks which are lending money on the crop so the farmer can hold it for reasonable prices."

As an illustration of the thought the farmer is giving to the production and harvesting of his crop, Mr. Kinard told of one Newberry county agriculturist who, for the past ten years, had been wont to borrow \$5,000 annually to raise his crop. Last year, said Mr. Kinard, this man came to the Commercial bank, told Mr. Kinard that he had thoroughly estimated the cost for producing his crop and said it would take only \$1,200. This money was loaned and the farmer has not borrowed a cent more, stated the banker.

This farmer, said Mr. Kinard, had diversified his crop, planted those things that he could use at home and had devoted the remainder of his acreage to the cultivation of cotton. The farmer's cotton crop will not be as large as formerly, claimed the banker, but he would be in better condition financially and be freed from debt.

Mr. Kinard thinks that the depression of the past year has been a blessing to the people of the South—it has taught them frugality, economic independence and made the farmers diversify their crops, thereby lessening the danger from the disastrous boll weevil.

WATSON PRESSES DRAINAGE CAUSE

State Commissioner Urges Action Be Taken to Reclaim Swamp Lands.

San Francisco, Sept. 17.—The International Drainage and Flood Control congress met here tonight in conjunction with and under the auspices of the fifth annual meeting of the National Drainage congress.

Col. E. J. Watson of Columbia, S. C., president of the National Drainage congress, made the only address of the first session. He said:

"Upon us rests the responsibility of arousing the people of the United States to the immediate necessity for flood prevention and drainage of our swamp lands that \$100,000,000 of annual flood loss be saved; that 20,000 deaths from malaria be prevented and that 80,000,000 acres of swamp lands, 6,500,000 of which are in the West, be converted into producing farms. The sum of \$1,500,000,000 yearly would accrue in agricultural products within the borders of the United States if these lands could be converted into producing farms."

"There is a yearly death and property loss far in excess of any we ever will suffer from a foreign foe. We would add by drainage reclamation alone a productive farm domain greater than the States of Illinois and Indiana combined."

"This area would give homes to 1,925,000 families."

A SOUTHERN CINDERELLA, A COMEDY IN THREE ACTS

To Be Given in Pomaria School Auditorium September 24, Beginning at 8 P. M.

Act I.—An old Southern mansion. The two Hawkes have their daily quarrel. Johnnie Bell makes a call. Mammy Judy Johnson, the black bluegrass widow. "Dis yere bein' a widow woman is powerful lonesome." Amos Peters, "de cream colored pick of the unplucked aristocracy." The settlement workers arrive on a mission of mercy. Madam refuses to receive her own grandchild. Love conquers pride and Enid comes home.

Act II.—Johnnie Bell and her three lovers. Caroline disapproves of negro weddings. The black bride displays her wedding cruse. "I'd be mortified to de ground if I'd get my feet tangled up in his trail business and fall; it would disturb my jurisprudence." Mammy's six bit wedding license. The plotting of the Hawkes. Madam makes a new will. "If Madam should die and this will should disappear—everything me to us." Mammy deserted at the altar. "Ober leben dollars spent and nary a cream-colored kiss." Katherine burns the will.

Act III.—Two years later. The night of the inaugural ball. Katherine and Enid's creation. "Looks to me like it 'ud be more of a creation if you'd take some of dat trail and put it over your shoulders." Enid is treated like a servant. Mammy decides to marry Sassafras Riggers. "Old Amos Peters ain't de onliest man on dis earth." Miss Winterberry comes to take Enid to the ball. "What's this? Last will and testament of Clara Charteris." The Southern Cinderella comes into her own. "The night passes" and joy cometh in the morning.

Madam Charteris, an old aristocrat
.....Mrs. J. J. Hintz
Enid Bellamy, a Southern Cinderella
.....Marion Setzler
Miss Rosie Winterberry, a settlement worker
.....Eloise Hipp
Miss Johnnie Bell Randolph, a coquette
.....Ida Mae Setzler
Katherine Hawke, an English nurse,
.....Anna Koon
Caroline Hawke, her sister, an adventuress
.....Mrs. B. M. Setzler
Mammy Jud Johnson, a black, bluegrass widow
.....Ethel Seybt
Admission 10c and 20c. Come one, come all, and enjoy a good laugh.

Pastor Leaves This Week.

Rev. W. J. Roof, who has served very acceptably for the past year the Mayer Memorial pastorate and who resigned some time ago, leaves this week for his new field of labor at Lenoir, N. C. Mr. Roof has been doing a good work in this pastorate and his people regret for him to go, but he goes on account of the health of his family. The mountain section agrees with them better than this.